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issued a bill of health to 1 vessel without inspection. The vessel not inspected was the Spanish steamship *Berenguer el Grande*, from Spain via Havana, proceeding to New Orleans via Vera Cruz. The vessel was anchored about 5 miles offshore, and the only means that I had of boarding her was by a small sailboat, and as a gale of wind was blowing and a high sea running, I declined to make the trip, and issued a bill of health setting forth the facts on the face of it.

The mail steamers have a steam tug for tender, which is tolerably safe for boarding purposes, but the other steamers rely upon small sailboats for attention, and they are unreliable and dangerous.

The larger part of the vessels leaving here come to the docks for cargo, where they are easily boarded.

Respectfully,

S. H. HODGSON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

NICARAGUA.

Reports from Bluefields—Fruit port.

BLUEFIELDS, NICARAGUA, April 25, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith sanitary report for the week ended April 24, 1901:

The following vessels were inspected, clearing for ports in the United States: April 18, Norwegian steamship *Alabama*, Gjemery, master; crew, 18; passengers, 11; Marine Medical Officer W. G. Thigpen, Louisiana State board of health; cargo, fruit; cleared for New Orleans direct. April 21, Norwegian steamship *Hiram*, Pedersen, master; crew, 15; passengers, 6; Marine Medical Officer Thomas S. Adams, Louisiana State board of health; cargo, fruit; cleared for New Orleans direct.

There has been 1 death in the town of Bluefields during the past week, which occurred on the 24th instant, a colored female, aged 86, from senile debility.

The town of Bluefields proper, the San Paulo Hospital, and adjacent country, continue to remain without suspicion as to the existence of any contagious or infectious disease.

I inclose herewith 2 U. S. Marine-Hospital certificates, triplicates; also 16 U. S. Marine-Hospital passenger certificates (duplicates).

Respectfully,

WM. H. CARSON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Mortality statistics of plague and smallpox for January, 1901.

MANILA, P. I., March 24, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith mortality statistics of Manila for the month of January, 1901, compiled and furnished by the board of health.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.*

The SURGEON GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Bubonic plague in Manila, January, 1901.

Cases remaining from December, 1900 :	
American	0
Filipino.....	1
Spanish.....	0
Chinese.....	0
Total	1

New cases :	
American	0
Filipino.....	3
Spanish.....	0
Chinese	4
Total	7

Deaths :	
American	0
Filipino.....	3
Spanish.....	0
Chinese	2
Total	5

Discharged :	
American	0
Filipino.....	0
Spanish.....	0
Chinese	0
Total	0

Remaining :	
American	0
Filipino.....	1
Spanish.....	0
Chinese	2
Total	3

Smallpox in Manila, January, 1901.

Cases remaining from December, 1900 :	
American	0
Filipino.....	0
Spanish.....	0
Chinese.....	0
Total	0

New cases :	
American	0
Filipino.....	15
Spanish.....	0
Chinese	0
Total	15

Deaths :	
American	0
Filipino.....	1
Spanish.....	0
Chinese	0
Total	1

Corresponding period, January, 1900.

Cases remaining from December, 1899 :	
American	0
Filipino.....	0
Spanish.....	0
Chinese.....	0
Total	0

New cases :	
American	0
Filipino.....	15
Spanish.....	0
Chinese	3
Total	18

Deaths :	
American	0
Filipino.....	9
Spanish.....	0
Chinese	2
Total	11

Discharged :	
American	0
Filipino.....	2
Spanish.....	0
Chinese	0
Total	2

Remaining :	
American	0
Filipino.....	2
Spanish.....	0
Chinese	1
Total	5

Corresponding period, January, 1900.

Cases remaining from December, 1899 :	
American	0
Filipino.....	9
Spanish.....	0
Chinese.....	0
Total	9

New cases :	
American	0
Filipino.....	13
Spanish.....	0
Chinese	0
Total	13

Deaths :	
American	0
Filipino.....	2
Spanish.....	0
Chinese	0
Total	2

<i>Smallpox, etc.—Continued.</i>		<i>Corresponding period, etc.—Continued.</i>	
Discharged:		Discharged:	
American	0	American	0
Filipino.....	1	Filipino.....	15
Spanish.....	0	Spanish.....	0
Chinese.....	0	Chinese.....	0
Total.....	1	Total.....	15
Remaining in smallpox hospital:		Remaining in smallpox hospital:	
American	0	American	0
Filipino.....	13	Filipino.....	5
Spanish.....	0	Spanish.....	0
Chinese.....	0	Chinese.....	0
Total.....	13	Total.....	5

PORTO RICO.

*Report from Ponce.*PONCE, P. R., *April 22, 1901.*

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for Porto Rico, I have the honor to transmit herewith the quarantine and abstract of bills of health reports for the week ended April 20, 1901. Six vessels were inspected, 3 of which were held in quarantine to detain nonimmunes, viz, provisional flag steamship *Julia*, from Havana; Spanish steamship *Isla de Panay*, from Havana; German steamship *Polaria*, from Colombian ports and St. Thomas. All transacted their business under supervision and left the same day. Five bills of health were issued.

During the week, 9 new cases of smallpox, and 9 recoveries were reported, leaving 18 still under treatment. I think the continuation of the disease is due to a few cases not removed to the smallpox hospital, but very lately quarantined in the city. Yellow flags are placed on these houses but no guards. I have seen the quarantined people in close conversation with others at the doors, and with doors and windows wide open. There may be also some concealed cases.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,

*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*The SURGEON-GENERAL, *U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.**Inspection of immigrants at San Juan during the week ended April 20, 1901.*SAN JUAN, P. R., *April 22, 1901.*

SIR: I herewith submit report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended April 20, 1901:

Date.	Vessels.	Where from.	No. of immigrants.
Apr. 19	Provisional flag steamship <i>Julia</i>	Havana, Nuevitas, Gibara, Baracoa, Santiago, St. Domingo, Macoris, Ponce, and Mayaguez.	17
Do...	Spanish steamship <i>Isla de Panay</i>	Havana, Port Limon, Colon, Sabanilla Bay, Puerto Cabello, La Guayra, and Ponce.	5
	Total		22

Respectfully,

H. S. MATHEWSON,

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Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.*The SURGEON-GENERAL, *U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*